

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. TODD NELSON

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Todd Nelson. Mr. Nelson served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as the Kiantone Town Justice.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Nelson served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Nelson is one of those people and that is why Madam Speaker I rise in tribute to him today.

HONORING ISRAELI  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, this week we witnessed the 62nd anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. It is an occasion to celebrate the achievements of a country that, like the United States, aspires to be a land of peace, prosperity and the pursuit of happiness.

The United States and Israel are bound by a common history forged by those who dared to dream of democracy and freedom; of civil and human rights; of laws and not wishes. President Harry Truman was the first world leader to recognize the Israeli declaration of independence in 1948. Other countries soon followed. In this way, with the United States at its side, Israel entered the community of nations.

We continue to share that sacred bond born in 1948. The bond carries with it a burden that all such undeniable relationships bring—the responsibility to celebrate our successes, and to address our challenges. We are both stronger nations because of this. To do otherwise would be to diminish that special bond.

An anniversary is also an opportunity to think about the future and therefore this is a time for us to renew our commitment to work for peace. As former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said, “We must think differently, look at things in a different way. Peace requires a world of new concepts, new definitions.” As a friend and ally of Israel, I look forward to the work of nurturing the seeds of peace that will sustain and protect Israel.

TRIBUTE TO JOAN HASKELL

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Joan Haskell from the Marshall County Farm Bureau, and to express my appreciation for her 14 years of service to her community.

A Marshall County native with a strong agriculture background, Ms. Haskell achieved the position of Office Administrator with the Bureau's federation staff. Her extensive work with members of the Farm Bureau since 1995 has earned Joan the respect and appreciation of her community.

Madam Speaker, I commend Joan Haskell for her many years of loyalty and dedication to her fellow Iowans. It is an honor to represent Joan in the United States House of Representatives, and I know that my colleagues join me in wishing her a happy and healthy retirement.

HONORING ISRAELI  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 62nd anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel.

Sixty-two years ago, a brave group of Jews living in the Middle East made the audacious claim that a Jewish State could be successfully re-invented in their ancient homeland. More than 2,000 years after the last independent Jewish government had come to an end, they believed they could somehow re-establish a Jewish state, almost from scratch, in a way that had never happened before, anywhere in the world.

These daring Jews came from all around the globe: from Yemen, from Russia, from France, from the United States, and, in many cases, from the very land that was about to become the State of Israel. They shared a common heritage, but it remained to be seen whether these disparate peoples could unify to develop a country or a common culture. Could they even agree on what kind of government to form? Or what laws to pass?

Their claim was particularly bold, given that seven Arab neighbors stood ready to destroy this state in its infancy. Armed with some of the most advanced weaponry known to man, these Arab countries were determined never to allow a Jewish state in their neighborhood. But, in what can only be described as a miracle, this tiny Jewish state survived those initial days and fought to victory in 1948. They did it again in 1956, 1967 and 1973. In fact,

every time Arab countries sought to destroy Israel, they found the Israelis stronger and more determined than ever to survive.

Seeing that the military option wasn't successful, the Arab nations turned toward a different method to try to destroy Israel: terrorism. Through rockets, bus bombings, suicide attacks, hostage crises and the murders of countless innocent civilians, Israel has continued to survive, determined that life will go on, as usual, no matter what the obstacle or challenge.

Israel's enemies have also tried to use the United Nations, UN, to delegitimize it. They have passed resolutions in the UN equating Zionism with racism. They have created entire agencies at the UN to highlight Israel's alleged “war crimes.” And they have hijacked the UN Human Rights Council to push their own racist, anti-Semitic agenda.

And despite all of these enemies, Israel has demonstrated over and over its desire and yearning to live in peace. They willingly gave up the Sinai to make peace with Egypt, and signed a peace agreement with Jordan in 1994. They withdrew from Lebanon a decade ago and pulled out of Gaza in 2005, all in hopes they would find a peace partner on the other side.

But instead, Israel's offers have been spurned, and their adversaries have refused to negotiate. Their so-called “partners” say that Israel must make unreasonable concessions before they will even sit down and negotiate with them. When Arab leaders were invited to attend a peace conference with Israel, in 2007, they even refused to walk through the same door as Israel's leaders.

Through all this, the United States has stood by Israel, even in these darkest of times. We provided Israel with weapons, with technical expertise and a friendship that has endured through generation after generation of American leadership. The American people demand no less: we believe in the Jewish people's right to a homeland, and their right to live in peace, as our democratic ally. This position does not win us friends in the Muslim world, but we stand by this position because we know it is right. The people of Israel, I know, are eternally grateful for this friendship and have repaid it with their loyalty throughout the years of its existence.

I am extremely proud of the strong U.S.-Israel relationship and I call on the Obama Administration to continue this tradition of strong U.S. support for Israel. We must focus our attention not on minor irritants in our bilateral relationship, but on bringing the parties together to meet face-to-face for negotiations. We cannot impose any solution on them; only they can come up with a negotiated solution that strengthens the security for both sides and brings about a state for the Palestinian people. Only they can bring peace to this region.

Mr. Speaker, the idea of the State of Israel is as audacious today as it was 62 years ago. It shows that a group of determined individuals can successfully band together and triumph in the most difficult of circumstances. It shows

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that David can defeat Goliath, with the proper planning, courage and determination.

I honor and stand in awe of the State of Israel on its 62nd birthday. It is an achievement many people thought would never be possible. On this historic day, I call on my colleagues to join me in congratulating Israel on this milestone and in assuring them of U.S. support for generations to come.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF BO JOOST ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Bo Joost of Sherwood, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Bo's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Bo brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending Fairview High School in Sherwood, Ohio, Bo attained a grade point average of 4.0 that placed him first in his graduating class. He was inducted into the National Honor Society where he served as vice president his senior year. Bo was also a member of the Varsity Club and Foreign Language Society.

Throughout high school, Bo participated in the football, baseball, and archery teams, having served as co-Captain of the varsity football team his senior year. Bo has been active and held numerous leadership positions in Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Students for Action in Education, served as a D.A.R.E. role model, and participated in Lutheran Youth Fellowship. Bo also volunteers for relay for life, central shares, and vacation bible school. I am confident that Bo will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bo Joost on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Bo will excel during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

### THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

### HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

I chose someone who was close to the hearts of my family, a man of God, and someone who is loyal to his country, Captain Jones. Born and raised in El Paso, Texas, after Captain Jones joined the Navy, he expanded tremendously beyond those Texas border lines. Captain Jones has a genuine outlook on the thirty-five years he served in the Navy and is nothing less than satisfied with those years. He finished college while gaining his commission in the Navy, and still had an ample amount of time to continue serving in the military, which he did with full devotion and determination. Captain Jones is a great man, and his story is one of a kind. Prior to this exceptional interview, I already had a great appreciation for the Navy, as well as the other branches of service, because I grew up with a father who actively served to protect the United States of America. Even with my previous knowledge and gratitude of the military service, after I completed the personal interview with Captain Jones, my eyes and my mind were open to more reasons why I truly support all of the troops. I still get a sudden shock when I hear that one person in the

crowd, say anything but good things about the United States Military Force. However, as Captain Jones would so kindly put it, "Don't be narrow minded to the good opportunities that the military has to offer."—Valencia King

### TRIBUTE TO EMMA SKAHILL

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Emma Skahill, of Earlham, Iowa, who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. The 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recently named Emma as a Distinguished Finalist of top youth volunteers in Iowa for her part in organizing a fund-raising walk and awareness campaign to help with the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house for a Mississippi family in need.

Created in 1995, by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards annually honors the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia. This organization strives to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, while inspiring other young individuals to follow their example. Over the past 15 years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, and has honored nearly 100,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Madam Speaker, individuals such as Emma Skahill must be recognized and applauded for their sincere dedication to maintaining a healthy community and for their positive impact on the lives of others. Emma's actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our nation, and I am proud to represent Emma, her family and her fellow volunteers in the United States Congress.

### GUADALUPE FLORES JUAREZ

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Guadalupe Flores Juarez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Guadalupe Flores Juarez is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Guadalupe Flores Juarez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Guadalupe Flores Juarez for winning

the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING BUTLER UNIVERSITY ON REACHING THE NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my hometown Butler Bulldogs on their first ever run to the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Game.

While their loss to Duke was painful for fans of the Bulldog faithful, it was a great ride and the entire State of Indiana was ecstatic to be a part of it.

The game itself was nothing short of epic. Fifteen lead changes. Two shots to win it in the final thirteen seconds.

But most importantly, both teams represented the peak of success on AND off the court.

While many athletic programs focus on attracting NBA prospects instead of student athletes, we saw two schools with 90-percent-plus graduation rates playing for the national championship.

This run allowed the Bulldogs to introduce America to something we know as the Butler Way—which means playing with character and toughness, and placing team above self.

In the end, Duke took home the championship, but Butler won the hearts of the American people.

Mark my words—Butler will be back again next year running with the big dogs—winning their way. The Butler Way.

ESMERALDA VALDEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Esmeralda Valdez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Esmeralda Valdez is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Esmeralda Valdez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO DEREK MUIRDEN

**HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of Mr. Derek Muirden, a veteran of the armed forces and one of northern New York's most recognizable voices, for his decades of service to the North Country.

For years, Derek has produced quality programming for Mountain Lake PBS, Plattsburgh's public television station and has reached millions of viewers in New York, Vermont and Quebec.

Derek has been a regional storyteller for decades through the many series he has produced and hosted including: People Near Here, Roadside Adventures, Roadside Recipes and Rustic Living. He is also noted in the region as a documentary filmmaker with productions such as: A Castle in Every Heart: The Arto Monaco Story, Voices of Scotland, Then Again: Reliving History at Fort Ticonderoga and Reach for the Sky: Inside the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

Mr. Muirden is admired by many throughout our community for his in depth and entertaining reporting of the history of the North Country. He is held in high regards by many in our region because of his balanced reporting and his dedication to preparation and professionalism. Creating hundreds of hours of television chronicling our region, he is a prolific producer and host of programs that capture the unique feel and environment of the Adirondacks and our North Country region.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate and thank Derek Muirden for his decades of effort to immortalize our community and honor our Nation. He is a great entertainer and a source of pride for our region, and the North Country would not be the same without him.

ERIKA LOPEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Erika Lopez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Erika Lopez is an 8th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Erika Lopez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

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Mr. LATTI. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Grant Genzman of Perrysburg, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Grant's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Grant brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of midshipmen. While attending St. John's Jesuit High School in Toledo, Ohio, Grant attained an impressive grade point average that placed him first in his graduating class. Grant earned the AP Scholar Award, the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, the Claver Scholar Award and he was inducted into the National Honor Society.

Outside the classroom, Grant was a member of the football, wrestling, and tennis teams. Grant utilized his leadership skills by participating in St. John Jesuit's Integrity Committee, Ambassadors Core Team, Marine Science Club, and Student Council. I am confident that Grant will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Naval Academy.

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ERIC JIMENEZ

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OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Eric Jimenez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Eric Jimenez is a 12th grader at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America. The summary follows:

In the interview I conducted, I conversed with former Air Force Captain Wayne R. Thompson. He served the United States from 1960–1963 during the time when Cold War tensions were greatest. Stationed at NORAD in Colorado Springs, he was in charge of emergency power, and he also participated in different construction projects. At one point, during the Cuban Missile Crisis, he slept for three days at the base because an attack seemed imminent. There were many false alarms, and many times he did not know if he would make it. Luckily, for the United States and him, no nuclear weapons were fired, and Kennedy resolved the situation. Thompson learned a lot from his stay in the military as he said that the experience helped him build character and leadership.

The camaraderie that he felt with his fellow comrades was his favorite part of being in the military. The bonds that they shared were tighter than any other because they were all united with a common purpose. From the interview, I learned a lot about joining the armed forces. His experiences proved to me that by serving the country, one can really gain the skills and character traits to be successful in life. I fully respect Thompson and his commitment to serving the nation.—Kenny Lee

EMMA RITTER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emma Ritter who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Emma Ritter is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emma Ritter is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Emma Ritter for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RESTITUTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2010

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of my legislation, the Restitution for Local Government Act of 2010. This legislation will require the Department of the Treasury to assist public entities that lost taxpayer dollars when Lehman Brothers declared bankruptcy in September of 2008 . . . the single largest bankruptcy in the history of the United States.

More than 40 municipalities from around the country lost close to \$1.7 billion when Lehman collapsed.

In my Congressional District, San Mateo County and its public institutions were severe victims, and still are, of the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy.

San Mateo County is required by California State law to hold operating funds, reserves and bond proceeds in an investment pool. Their investment pool held funds for the county and local cities, school districts, transit agencies and the community college district. They invested in the most highly-rated, conservative Lehman securities. They were not 'playing the market' or rolling the dice. They are victims of some of the worst abuses and

deceit of a financial institution that was considered to be one of the soundest and safest in the Nation.

When Lehman collapsed, San Mateo County lost \$155 million. As a result, the county and its 735,000 residents are now reeling financially. Teachers are being laid off. Schools are not being built or renovated. Roads are not being improved. Transportation plans are being scrapped, and critical upgrades in public safety have ceased.

The financial plight of San Mateo County was recently profiled in detail in a February 24, 2010, Wall Street Journal article entitled, Lehman's Ghost Haunts California. (Madam Speaker, I respectfully request that this article be included in the RECORD.)

My legislation will require the Secretary of the Treasury to use any profit made by the sale of troubled assets acquired through the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to be used to purchase the securities, bonds, and other financial instruments issued by Lehman Brothers which were held by local governments on September 12, 2008. The bill directs the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a \$1.7 billion remediation fund, and grants him the authority to assist the public entities affected by the collapse of Lehman Brothers.

Under my legislation taxpayers will get their money back and will know where the money goes. My legislation specifically states that any local government which receives money from this new fund must report back to the federal government on how this money is being used, and demonstrate job creation, retention, and economic activity equal to the amount of funds received.

Financial institutions were deemed "too big to fail." Today, we should not overlook those who are being treated as though they are too small to help.

It's time to serve the best interests of the American people. They lost their hard-earned taxpayer dollars which were specifically intended to be invested in their community for vital services, and I urge my colleagues to join in this critical effort.

[From the Wall Street Journal, Feb. 24, 2010]

LEHMAN'S GHOST HAUNTS CALIFORNIA  
(By John Carreyrou)

SAN MATEO, CALIF.—Little more than a year after the worst of the financial panic, Wall Street is bouncing back. But in this county just south of San Francisco, pain from the financial system's near-collapse is still felt every day.

San Mateo, a scenic swath of peninsula between the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay, saw \$155 million evaporate when Lehman Brothers went bankrupt in September 2008. On top of deep budget cuts brought on by California's fiscal crisis, the loss on Lehman securities means San Mateo's 735,000 residents are taking a hit.

Public schools here have laid off dozens of teachers and delayed or canceled renovations. Local community colleges are slashing classes and scrapping new facilities, even as enrollment surges because of the bad economy. The county trimmed its commuter rail service and shelved plans to build a new women's jail to alleviate overcrowding.

The biggest factor behind San Mateo's trouble is California's spending cuts. But its Lehman losses make a bad situation worse. The problem underscores the diverging fortunes of Wall Street and Main Street and helps explain the populist anger still simmering in many parts of the country. Last week, Barclays PLC reported that its 2009

profit more than doubled to \$14.7 billion thanks in part to its acquisition of Lehman's North American operations.

Lehman Brothers' collapse is "old news for most of America," says Richard Gordon, a member of the county's board of supervisors. But in San Mateo County, he says, "It's a continuing story that continues to unfold."

A report by Beacon Economics, commissioned by the county, estimates that the Lehman losses reduced local government spending, especially on construction projects, by \$148 million over two years. The consulting firm says this resulted in 1,648 jobs lost or not created. County unemployment now hovers around 9%, double what it was 18 months ago.

Dozens of cities and counties around the country, from Sarasota, Fla., to Boulder, Colo., lost a total of \$1.7 billion when Lehman went under, because they held Lehman bonds or other securities. The two worst hit states are Florida and California. Florida public agencies lost a total of more than \$400 million, mostly from a state investment pool. California municipalities lost a total of \$250 million across some 28 cities and counties.

San Mateo County's loss was the biggest of any municipality. Under state rules, the county government, city governments and area school districts hold their operating funds, reserves and bond proceeds together in an investment pool that lost about 6% of its value when Lehman went under.

The investment pool owned highly rated Lehman bonds and notes, which currently trade around 20 cents on the dollar. Any recovery from the bankruptcy process will take at least another year. A recovery of 20 cents on the dollar would leave the pool with a loss of roughly \$125 million.

Much of the anger in San Mateo is directed at the Obama administration and, specifically, at Timothy Geithner, the Treasury secretary. Mr. Geithner has declined to use funds from the government's Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, to bail out municipalities.

"There's too big to fail, and we're too small for them to care," says Mary McMillan, the county's deputy manager.

Before Wall Street's crash in late 2008, San Mateo County was on track to balance its \$1.7 billion annual budget within five years. California's cutbacks and the Lehman collapse torpedoed that.

The county government lost \$37 million when Lehman Brothers went under. That's on top of a \$100 million deficit due in part to state cutbacks. San Mateo County has limited power to increase taxes: Boosting sales taxes requires two-thirds voter approval, and two efforts have failed in recent years.

The schools were hit hard, too. In one typical case, Lehman-related losses at the Sequoia Union High School district, one of 25 in the county, totaled \$6.2 million, an amount equivalent to 7% of the district's annual budget. Meanwhile, the state cut its funding to the Sequoia district this school year by \$1.9 million and is cutting it again next school year by another \$3.4 million.

San Mateo ranks among California's most diverse counties. Home to software giant Oracle Corp. and biotechnology pioneer Genentech, it encompasses both wealthy enclaves and working-class, immigrant cities such as Daly City and East Palo Alto that depend heavily on county services. In East Palo Alto, unemployment is 20%.

When Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy-court protection on Sept. 15, 2008, the news was met with a mix of panic and disbelief by local officials. The county's schools took the worst hit, losing \$38 million overnight. Two county school districts, the Sequoia district and the Menlo Park City Ele-

mentary School District, had just sold more than \$90 million worth of bonds to fund renovations and expansions and deposited the proceeds in the county investment fund. The lost bond proceeds totaled nearly \$8 million, a debt local taxpayers will be paying off for the next 30 years.

Jean Holbrook, the county's superintendent of schools, says the Lehman losses came on the heels of deep funding cuts from the state that had already cost the jobs of 91 of the school's 681 employees, including 21 teachers. In the ensuing year, 60 more school employees would have to be let go, resulting in larger class sizes and fewer elective courses.

San Mateo's board of supervisors ordered an independent review of the way the county investment fund was run, but found no wrongdoing. In keeping with rules California passed in the mid-1990s (following Orange County's disastrous experiment with derivatives), San Mateo's treasurer had invested in highly rated securities and put no more than 10% of the fund in any single issuer.

With Lehman bonds trading at pennies on the dollar, county officials held little hope of recovering their investment through bankruptcy proceedings. So they opted for a two-pronged strategy: They sued former Lehman Brothers executives for fraud, and they lobbied their state congressional representatives to insert language in TARP legislation that would let municipalities tap the federal rescue program.

Though such language was included in the final bill, bailing out municipalities was low on the list of the federal government's priorities in late 2008 as the financial system flirted with collapse.

To rally support and keep the issue alive in Washington, Ms. McMillan, the deputy county manager, began reaching out to other counties and cities ensnared in the Lehman bankruptcy.

In May 2009, as financial institutions began to stabilize and the specter of a depression subsided, the House Committee on Financial Services agreed to hold a hearing on the matter.

In their testimony before the committee, Democratic Reps. Anna Eshoo and Jackie Speier, whose districts span parts of San Mateo County, argued that the \$1.7 billion municipalities were asking for amounted to just one-quarter of 1% of TARP funds and paled in comparison with the hundreds of billions of dollars the Treasury Department had provided to banks.

Ron Galatolo, chancellor of San Mateo's community colleges, told the assembled congressmen that he felt it was "highly inequitable to use TARP funding to shore up banks and to bail out failing corporations but fail to protect agencies' taxpayer dollars, such as ours."

After the hearing, Rep. Eshoo sought a meeting with Mr. Geithner, but says the Treasury secretary didn't respond to her letters and phone calls for months.

Rep. Eshoo finally met with him on Oct. 28, followed by a second meeting on Dec. 2. She says Mr. Geithner told her that TARP was intended only for financial institutions and that rescuing municipalities would open a Pandora's box of claims from other investors.

Rep. Eshoo invoked the passage inserted a year earlier in the TARP bill, which refers to "the need to ensure stability for U.S. public instrumentalities, such as counties and cities, that may have suffered significant increased costs or losses in the current market turmoil."

She says Mr. Geithner said the passage fell short of mandating use of TARP funds to bail out municipalities.

While declining to comment on the meetings, a Treasury spokeswoman says: "There

are countless well-intentioned ideas for deploying TARP funds, but we determined that making Lehman Brothers' creditors whole is not consistent with what Congress intended for TARP funding."

In San Mateo, reverberations from the Lehman losses were on display on the campus of Canada College, one of the county's three community colleges, earlier this month.

Students held a two-day teach-in to protest faculty layoffs, course cancellations and fees that jumped 30% this year.

Lilliam Castellanos, a 35-year-old student majoring in Latin America studies to become an interpreter, said she could no longer afford textbooks because the funding for a program that handed out book vouchers to Hispanic students had been cut sharply. Other students complained about long wait lists to get into courses and a reduction in the number of counselors.

Mr. Galatolo, the chancellor, says the colleges' \$25 million Lehman loss compounded funding cuts made by the state, forcing him to slash the colleges' annual budget by one-fifth, to \$100 million from \$125 million.

Of the \$25 million loss, \$20 million had been earmarked for new buildings and classrooms that he says now won't be built. The remaining \$5 million came directly out of the colleges' operating fund.

Mr. Galatolo says he's angered by the return of multimillion-dollar bonuses on Wall Street "while we can't make ends meet for our students." As for Mr. Geithner, he says, "He had the ability to help us, and he chose not to."

On the other side of the peninsula, in the wind-swept, rural community of Half Moon Bay, Robert Gaskill, superintendent of the Cabrillo Unified School District, says his district's share of the Lehman loss was \$1.4 million, out of an annual budget of \$28 million.

Mr. Gaskill says he had to lay off five teachers and projects that 20 more will be let go in the 2010-11 school year, out of 177, because of state funding cuts. The district is also paring back summer school.

Michael Bachicha, former director of the schools' special programs, sat through the school-board meeting at which his job was eliminated in April 2009. Because he had tenure, Mr. Bachicha was able to land another job teaching at the district's "continuation" high school for students who are falling behind. But his salary dropped from \$105,000 to \$72,000. Around the same time, his wife lost her job as a kindergarten teacher at a local private school.

Mr. Gaskill, the district superintendent, says the teaching job that Mr. Bachicha took bumped someone else less senior off the payroll, resulting in one of the five teacher layoffs.

Ms. McMillan, the deputy county manager, hasn't given up on getting the Lehman money back. She holds conference calls every two weeks with officials from other affected counties and cities to plot strategy. On last week's call, 35 people dialed in from across the country.

In the meantime, the county is gearing up to dismiss hundreds of employees this spring, the first time it has had to resort to mass layoffs, according to Mr. Gordon, the member of the board of supervisors.

DULCE VEGA SALINAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dulce Vega

Salinas who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Dulce Vega Salinas is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dulce Vega Salinas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Dulce Vega Salinas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS P. FOTE

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas P. Fote and congratulate him upon receiving the New Jersey Governor's and New Jersey Jefferson's Environmental Stewardship award. This award recognizes outstanding volunteers who pioneer and promote energy conservation and environmental action. Mr. Fote's years of selfless work to improve New Jersey's environment make him a highly deserving recipient of this honor.

Mr. Fote serves as Legislative Chair of Jersey Coast Anglers Association where he has built a coalition to stop the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey from ocean dumping. Because of his efforts residents of New Jersey benefit from improved ocean water and a safer, cleaner coastal environment. Mr. Fote also serves on the Policy Board of the Barnegat Bay Estuary Program. Under his leadership, the Barnegat Bay's water quality has improved while the program's administrative costs have remained low. As an unpaid volunteer, Mr. Fote selflessly donates much of his time to these critical environmental efforts. Mr. Fote is also a retired Army captain who bravely served our country in Vietnam. His lifetime of service to New Jersey and our nation is an example to us all.

The Governor's Volunteer Awards are being presented for the first time this year in a new partnership with the New Jersey Jefferson Awards. Mr. Fote's volunteer work is especially deserving of an inaugural award from these two long standing and highly respected volunteer recognition efforts.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that this body will join me in honoring Thomas P. Fote for his exceptional service and congratulate him upon receiving the New Jersey Governor's Environmental Stewardship award.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOEL BOOSE ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Joel Boose of Norwalk, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Joel's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming cadet Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Joel brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending St. Paul High School in Norwalk, Ohio, Joel attained a grade point average that placed him in the top ten percent of his graduating class. Joel was inducted into the National Honor Society, participated in the Teens Leadership Corps, and was active in the Student Council.

Throughout high school, Joel was a member of the football, track, and swimming teams. Joel utilized his leadership skills by being captain of the football team and vice-president of the Key Club. In addition, Joel was awarded an academic letter each year and was recognized as a McScholar Athlete. I am confident that Joel will carry the lessons of his student leadership to West Point.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joel Boose on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Joel will excel during his career at West Point and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

### HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009-2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young lead-

ers within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

Captain Lawrence Nunn, USA (born March 1979) is currently serving in the United States Army. Captain Nunn is a 2001 graduate of the United States Military Academy. He served two tours in the Second Gulf War in Iraq. He is the recipient of two Bronze Star Medals for his exceptional bravery in each of his tours. He also received the Global War on Terrorism Ribbon and many other medals and accolades. Captain Nunn is married to Olivia Nunn who is also a Captain in the U.S. Army. Captain Nunn was born and raised in Canton, Michigan.

I learned from my interview with Captain Nunn that the highest form of service to our country is exemplified in soldiers like Captain Nunn. This level of service to our country requires exceptional courage, dedication, commitment and above all unrelenting perseverance to and for our country.—Nathan Lee

DRAZEN FILLIP DOSLO

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Drazen Fillip Doslo who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Drazen Fillip Doslo is a 12th grader at Arvada School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Drazen Fillip Doslo is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Drazen Fillip Doslo for winning the

Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

HONORING SHERIFF GARY  
MADDOX ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Schoolcraft County Sheriff Gary Maddox of Manistique, Michigan on his retirement after 30 years of dedicated law enforcement service. Sheriff Maddox's commitment to the citizens of Schoolcraft County reflects the enthusiasm and work ethic that embody the spirit of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Gary has remained close to his roots throughout his career in law enforcement. He was named Schoolcraft County Deputy Sheriff on February 22, 1979 and went on to be appointed Schoolcraft County Sheriff on January 1, 1986. Over the years he was reelected by the people of Schoolcraft County five times before retiring at the end of 2009.

Under his leadership, Schoolcraft County has implemented many important public safety programs. Gary launched the first D.A.R.E. program to provide area youth with skills to avoid involvement with drugs. He also coordinated the county's first taser program, established the county's 911 service, developed training programs for corrections officers and led an incident command school for law enforcement officers. As sheriff, Gary coordinated and managed countless search and rescue operations effectively and with composure. Over the years he has demonstrated both professionalism and concern while working to consistently improve public safety in the community.

Gary has never been one to rest on his laurels; he has always taken advantage of opportunities to improve his training and expertise. He has participated in the National Drug Court Institute Adult Drug Court Planning Initiative Training Program, completed Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance Training and Level II Law Enforcement Training for the Federal Forest Service, among others. He has also helped to inspire and educate others looking to enter the field of law enforcement serving for 21 years as an executive board member and instructor of Northern Michigan University's Law Enforcement Training Consortium.

As sheriff, Gary has demonstrated a commitment to his profession serving as a District I Upper Peninsula representative to the Michigan Sheriffs' Association. He also served as President of the Upper Peninsula Law Enforcement Association in past years. Outside of law enforcement Gary has made community service a priority in his life. He has volunteered time working with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary Voice of Democracy Broadcast Scriptwriting Program and served as chairman of the local C.B.C. radio telethon to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, Bay Cliffs Health Camp and the Easter Seals Society of Michigan. He also serves on the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Committee.

I know Gary well and over the years he has been an honorable public servant and a good

friend. Gary embodies the unique character of the Upper Peninsula through his courage in the face of danger, his forward-looking vision and his willingness to lend a hand to help those around him.

Madam Speaker, Gary devoted 30 years of his life enforcing the law and protecting the citizens of Schoolcraft County. His career as sheriff and his commitment to his community should be commended. I ask Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in recognizing Sheriff Gary Maddox for his courage, his dedication, and his years of service on his retirement from the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department.

DOMINIC DRUMRIGHT

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dominic Drumright who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Dominic Drumright is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dominic Drumright is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Dominic Drumright for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

FATHER EDWARD BRYCE

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a Pittsburgh resident and a constituent of mine, Father Edward Bryce. Father Bryce is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his priestly ordination after 50 years of ministry to the Pittsburgh community.

Born in Pittsburgh, Father Bryce attended North Catholic High School and St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. He continued his studies at the North American College in Rome, eventually earning a licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University there. Father Bryce was ordained a priest on March 25th, 1960 and began his ministry as a parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish in Washington, Pennsylvania. This first assignment was the beginning of a vocation that would carry him throughout the Pittsburgh area in service to the needs of the Catholic community.

In his 50 years as a priest, Father Bryce always seemed to find a way to minister to the community through a variety of means, often simultaneously. While teaching theology stu-

dents for 6 years at Duquesne University, he also served as a Chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital and a priest-in-residence at Holy Rosary Parish. He then moved to the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis for 9 years. It was during this time that Father Bryce became more active in the larger efforts of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. In 1970, he became the founding director of the Office for Pro-Life Activities and 2 years later took the same position in the Office for Justice and Peace. This commitment to needs of the living Church community in an evermore complex society eventually propelled Father Bryce here to Washington, DC as the Pro-Life Activities Secretary for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, a position which he held for 10 years.

In 1988, he returned to his hometown to lead St. Bede Parish in Pittsburgh's Point Breeze neighborhood, where he has served as pastor for over 20 years. Beyond his dedicated ministry to the faith and educational life of the St. Bede parish, Father Bryce continued to play important roles in the larger Pittsburgh Catholic community as dean of the Central Deanery, consultor in the College of Consultors, and a member of the priest council. Continuing on as administrator of St. Bede past his retirement age, he provides the parish with continuity and an ever-present model for faithful ministry.

Father Bryce credits the priests that he knew growing up in St. Bernard Parish as providing the inspiration for his vocation of priestly ministry. I have no doubt that he himself has provided similar inspiration to generations of St. Bede parishioners and members of the Catholic community in Pittsburgh.

I want to congratulate Father Bryce for his 50 years of dedicated service to the Church and the Pittsburgh community and I wish him many more years at St. Bede.

DIANA ROMERO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Diana Romero who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Diana Romero is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Diana Romero is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Diana Romero for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.



IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL WATROL ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Michael Watrol of Rossford, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Michael's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Michael brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending St. Francis de Sales High School in Toledo, Ohio, Michael attained an impressive grade point average. He received numerous academic awards.

Throughout high school, Michael was a member of the water polo, tennis, CYO basketball and Belmont Swim teams. He received his varsity letter in tennis. Michael has been active in Young Marines of Toledo, Junior State of America, Bethel Lutheran Church, and has volunteered for numerous organizations in the community. I am confident that Michael will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Michael Watrol on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Michael will excel during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

DESTINY HINOJOS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Destiny Hinojos who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Destiny Hinojos is a 12th grader at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Destiny Hinojos is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Destiny Hinojos for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

COMMENDING SAMUEL A. KRAKOWER

### HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cadet Samuel A. Krakower and his outstanding performance in the Rancocas Valley Regional High School NJROTC unit. Mr. Krakower is a Naval Science 3 cadet and a junior at Rancocas Valley Regional High School.

Cadet Krakower has been a member of the NJROTC drill team for 2 years where he has earned the prestigious Blue and Gold drill cord. He has also represented his unit as a member of the Uniform Inspection Team, and has participated in, and completed the Junior Officer Leadership Training Program. Currently, Cadet Krakower holds the position of Public Affairs Department Head and is an editor of the unit's newspaper.

Throughout his academic career, Cadet Krakower has performed in the top of his class while remaining an integral and active participant in his local community through the Boy Scouts of America and as a volunteer with a local food pantry.

Cadet Krakower has received the American Legion Medal for Scholastic Excellence and the NJROTC Community Service Ribbon, with 3 stars. He has been selected to attend the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Summer 2010 program for students for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). He will be recognized at the Rancocas Valley High School NJROTC Awards Banquet on May 26, 2010.

In recognition of this young man's achievements, I ask that the House of Representatives and all Americans join me in congratulating this honorable young man on his achievements. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future endeavors.

HONORING MISS LAUREN CHOLEWINSKI

### HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I acknowledge the achievements of Miss Lauren Cholewinski. An accomplished young woman of 21 years of age, Lauren Cholewinski honorably represented the United States of America in her participation at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. Her discipline and determination carried her from her home in York County, South Carolina, where she attended Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, to compete in the 500 Meter Women's Speedskating competition on February

16, 2010. Her two times were 39.51 and 39.58 placing her 30th overall.

On behalf of South Carolina, I am proud to recognize Lauren Cholewinski's achievements as a professional and Olympic athlete.

STATEMENT HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. JODY LOWRY

### HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Jody Lowry, who passed away on December 25, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer. I know Jody from her active role in the Northeast Ohio Community, and have personally come to know her friendship and hospitality at her lovely home in Akron.

Jody was an avid volunteer, devoted daughter, wife, and loving mother.

Jody was also very active with local service groups in Akron, Ohio.

She knew that she could make a positive contribution in Akron while continuing to fight her cancer. Jody was determined to serve our community by giving to the people who needed her help.

Whether it was at The Summit County Battered Women's Shelter, Children's Hospital, or the St. Joseph Parenting Center, Jody committed her time to helping people who could not always help themselves.

Her work for children's rights continued as a Guardian Ad Litem for the Summit County CASA/GAL Program and was further proof of her devotion to others in need.

Perhaps her most avid cause was her work at the Alzheimer's Association, where she chaired the Annual Alzheimer's Association Gala last year. She became involved in the Alzheimer's Association as a result of her father, Jacob's long time Alzheimer's illness, which took his life last summer.

Jody was a lifelong resident of Akron, was a respected and beloved member of the greater Akron Community, and her presence will be remembered by the entire area. Her legacy of community, friendship, family and good work will continue for many, many years however. The fact that her funeral at the Akron Jewish Center was overflowing with hundreds upon hundreds of her friends and family members is a testament to her life long work.

Jody leaves behind not only those whom she served, but also a loving family—her husband Randy, her daughters Marisa and Meredith, her mother Elaine Apfelbaum, her brother Perry Apfelbaum, as well as other many other close family members and friends.

Jody will truly be missed.

We will always remember Jody for her ever-present smile, her commitment to her community, and her dedication to her family.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's 13th District, I want to express my deepest sympathies to her Mother Elaine, her husband Randy and her daughters, Marisa and Meredith.

They have lost a great daughter, wife and mother who passed away much too soon and we have lost a true friend and committed member of our community.



COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO'S BLUE  
RIBBON TASK FORCE ON ADULT  
HEALTH COVERAGE EXPANSION

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, the national healthcare reform bill passed by this Congress was an historic achievement that will improve the lives of millions of Americans. This reform would not have been possible without the tireless efforts and advocacy of so many individuals and organizations across the country, including local governments whose own healthcare initiatives improved access to medical care and advanced the cause of nationwide reform.

That is why I commend the County of San Mateo's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Adult Health Coverage Expansion. A broad-based coalition comprised of representatives from healthcare providers, labor, chambers of commerce, local governments, and community advocacy groups, the Task Force achieved meaningful gains in the quality and efficiency of San Mateo County's healthcare delivery system and expanded health coverage to more than 2,000 previously uninsured adults through the Access to Coverage for All program. Originally funded in-part through a federal grant, this program has since become a mainstay of the effort to expand access to healthcare in the county.

The work of this Task Force is an enduring symbol of the compassion, commitment, dedication and talent of the residents of San Mateo County and the 12th Congressional District, whom I am fortunate and honored to represent. Madam Speaker, I commend the County of San Mateo's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Adult Health Coverage Expansion for its leadership in helping to solve one of our nation's most pressing issues, and for its courage to think globally and to act locally.

HONORING MARVIN AVERY  
PALMORE CENTER FOR HOPE,  
INC. FOR THEIR EXTRAOR-  
DINARY WORK IN THE COMMU-  
NITY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Marvin Avery Palmore Center for Hope, Inc.

Center for Hope has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. These organizations' continuous acts of selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Marvin Avery Palmore Center for Hope, Inc. for their extraordinary work in the community.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution to honor one of Wisconsin's greatest Senators, the late Gaylord Nelson, the founder of Earth Day. Tomorrow, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of this important day, and just as Senator Nelson envisioned, people across the country will reflect on the importance of conservation and environmental stewardship.

When Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day 40 years ago, environmental protection was an issue of little importance to most Americans. Today, I know he would be proud to see how far we've come. Thanks to his foresight and leadership, environmental stewardship is one of the top issues in American politics and society.

Not only has the issue risen here in Washington, but now American citizens and businesses large and small are doing their part to protect our environment and create the innovative industries of the future. Public and private investment in green technology and renewable energy can reduce our dependence on foreign oil, re-invigorate our economy, and create new jobs. In fact, the area I represent in western Wisconsin has abundant natural resources that could help the area become a leader in clean energy innovation.

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, it is important to realize that as good stewards of the planet, we must work to do our part to conserve energy, restore our environment and take care of this place we call home. We can all do more to lower our carbon footprints. Simple steps such as using energy-saving light bulbs, increasing the sustainability of our homes, carpooling with others in the neighborhood, and recycling our trash are all important ways we can lessen our energy consumption and preserve our environment for future generations.

Senator Nelson's legacy is alive and well today, especially in Wisconsin and I will continue to carry it forward in Congress and I hope that people in western Wisconsin and across the country will remember it in the work they do and the way they lead their lives. Together we ensure a safe, clean, and abundant natural world for our children.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH AD-  
VISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF  
SERVICE

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress.

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The summary follows:

Mr. Marcus Poe is a combat veteran of World War II. He was born in rural Oklahoma. At the time of his enlistment, he was married with two children (Mark and Marcia), and was attending Tulsa Business College, majoring in secretary and accounting. He served for 22 months, from 1944 to 1945. He was in the United States Air Force and was a nose gunner on a B-24 fighter plane. Beginning at the rank of private, he eventually became a sergeant. He served in the 436th unit bomb group in the 15th Air Force. He received basic training in multiple states, such as Oklahoma and Texas. Afterwards, he was stationed in Cerignola, Italy, where he flew missions every third day. He had confirmed hits and was never shot down. He returned home on November 3, 1945, a few months after the atomic bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima that resulted in VJ Day. He moved to Texas in 1970 to be with his son Marcus, and retired in July of 1987, having never been unemployed for a day in his life. He is now 89 years old, and still goes about his daily lifestyle with ease.—Yu-Chun Lin

HONORING ADELANTE OF SUFFOLK COUNTY INC. FOR THEIR  
EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE  
COMMUNITY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Adelante of Suffolk County Inc.

Adelante has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents

rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. Adelante's continuous selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Adelante of Suffolk County Inc. for their extraordinary work in the community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 4543, H. Res. 1103, and H.R. 4861 and wish the RECORD to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Last night, I was meeting with constituents of mine who represent various student organizations from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and I was unable to arrive in Washington, DC to cast my votes.

Had I been present on rollcall No. 221 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 4543, the Anthony J. Cortese Post Office Building, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 222 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1103, Celebrating the life of Sam Houston on the 217th anniversary of his birth, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 223 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 4861, the Steve Goodman Post Office Building, I would have voted "aye."

#### SAN RAMON'S FIRE CHIEF

### HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to commemorate the life of William Joseph Ferreira. Bill Ferreira was born in 1921 and grew up in San Ramon, California when the city was inhabited by fewer than 100 people. His father was San Ramon's first postmaster, and his family owned a general store. Bill attended San Ramon Grammar School and San Ramon Valley High School, and went on to join the U.S. Navy. Bill served his country with honor in the South Pacific during World War II and was involved in the historic Doolittle Raid. After the war, Bill returned to California and started a family in nearby Danville.

As the area grew, Bill and his neighbors realized that their community required greater firefighting resources. With the help of Howard Weidemann, a local rancher, Bill established the San Ramon Fire Protection District and became San Ramon's first Fire Chief. Operations were run out of his garage, where Bill was in charge of answering calls 24 hours a day and maintaining a fire truck and jeep.

Upon retiring after serving 15 years as Fire Chief, Bill stayed active by fixing up anything that needed repairing, expanding his aviation memorabilia, and sharing his knowledge of local lore with the community. Bill was crucial to the development of San Ramon as it grew into the fine city it is today. We all mourn Bill's

passing and recognize his tremendous contribution to our community.

#### HONORING HUNTINGTON ENRICHMENT CENTER FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Huntington Enrichment Center.

Huntington Enrichment Center has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. The continuous selfless efforts of those involved with Huntington Enrichment Center are admirable.

I am proud to honor Huntington Enrichment Center for their extraordinary work in the community.

#### IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF KYLE HALL ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Kyle Hall of Greenwich, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

Kyle's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Kyle brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending South Central High School in Greenwich, Ohio, Kyle attained an impressive grade point average. Kyle was inducted into the National Honor Society, active in the Student Council, was a class officer, and achieved numerous academic honors.

Throughout high school, Kyle was a member of the football, basketball, and track teams. He was co-captain of the football team and was a third year letterman in the sport. Kyle served the community of Greenwich by assisting with the Salvation Army. I am confident that Kyle will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kyle Hall on the accept-

ance of his appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Kyle will excel during his career at the Merchant Marine Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

#### THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

### HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The summary follows:

Arjinderpal Singh Sekhon: Serving the Country, Representing a People Serving one's country is undoubtedly one of the most honorable duties of any citizen. Representing one's country in the face of great adversity and threatening challenges requires more than a sense of duty, however. It requires a sense of patriotism. Arjinderpal Singh Sekhon, a Colonel in the United States Army from 1984 to 2009, espoused that very attitude when he volunteered his medical physician services as a Pulmonary and Internal Medicine specialist. As the first follower of the Sikh faith to become a battalion commander, Dr. Sekhon served primarily in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom. His experiences representing

his country throughout the years, whether as a consultant or as the head of the Intensive Care Unit on base, led to him being awarded a total of 18 medals of commendation. Following his retirement, Colonel Sekhon continued serving the nation as he ran for the United States Congress, aspiring for political office. As a reminder of the multicultural foundation of our great country, Dr. Sekhon's story rings true to the basic principles of this nation: regardless of race or religion, any citizen may dedicate his or her life to safeguarding the liberties of our shared home.—Jaywin Singh Malhi

#### RECOGNITION FOR THE INTERCULTURAL CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DESERTS AND OCEANS

**HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of the Intercultural Center for the Study of Deserts and Oceans, also known as CEDO—El Centro de Estudios de Desiertos y Océanos.

On May 1 2010, CEDO celebrates 30 years of exploring and helping to protect the creatures, habitats and cultures of the Sonoran Desert and the Sea of Cortez. Its educational and research facility is located on the Sea of Cortez in Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, México, where students and visitors alike are exposed to its essential work to preserve this fragile ecosystem.

CEDO was envisioned in 1975 when Peggy Turk Boyer, CEDO's executive director, first visited Puerto Peñasco with professors John Hendrickson and Don Thomson of the University of Arizona's Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department, as part of the University of Arizona's marine biology program.

CEDO opened its doors in 1980. Since then, thousands of people have participated in CEDO's research, education and conservation programs. CEDO's biological field station annually provides hands-on marine studies to hundreds of university students and researchers. CEDO also has expanded its outreach by offering school field trips, eco adventures, summer camps for young marine biologists and community education programs.

Gus, a 13 year old who spent time at CEDO, spoke for many others who have enjoyed the incredible opportunities that are available there. Gus wrote "in one small trip, I experienced a colossal adventure. It's not every day that you get to do something as magical as I was able to do, but luckily, CEDO is dedicated to bringing people closer to nature and all of its creatures. I have gained a new determination to protect the beauty of Puerto Peñasco and its unique environment. I believe that ordinary people, such as you and me, are the key to conserving the Sea of Cortez's irreplaceable natural wonder. Together, we can save the Sea. Thank you CEDO for your wonderful contributions to conservation."

The CEDO vision is that all residents and visitors to the Northern Gulf understand, appreciate and participate in sustainable activities and actions that support a healthy, thriving and productive ecosystem. CEDO seeks to learn about the region through research, share

the fruits of that research through educational activities and then use this knowledge to bring people together to help protect this unique and irreplaceable ecosystem.

Today, CEDO is working with researchers and fishermen in the Sea of Cortez to protect the Vaquita porpoise—the world's smallest and most endangered marine mammal species. Only about 200 Vaquitas remain—down two-thirds from a decade ago. CEDO is helping design a new type of net that will protect the Vaquitas and works with fishermen so they understand how they can ply their trade without harming the few remaining Vaquitas.

The research and educational efforts of the Intercultural Center for the Study of Deserts and Oceans have substantially improved the biological health and the sustainability of the Sea of Cortez. CEDO also understands the importance of collaboration with other entities. More than forty funding and program partners are part of the diverse CEDO network.

CEDO is doing critical conservation work for all of us and we look forward to everything that it will accomplish in the next 30 years. I commend the dedicated staff, board members and volunteers whose dedication sustains this essential environmental organization.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, on Monday, April 26, 2010, I was absent for three votes for medical reasons. I rise today to enter into the RECORD how I would have voted had I been able to vote.

House rollcall vote 221. I would have voted "yes."

House rollcall vote 222. I would have voted "yes."

House rollcall vote 223. I would have voted "yes."

#### HONORING JACOB'S LIGHT FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Jacob's Light Foundation.

Jacob's Light Foundation has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. The continuous selfless efforts of those involved with Jacob's Light Foundation are admirable.

I am proud to honor Jacob's Light Foundation, Inc. for their extraordinary work in the community.

#### IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JACOB BRODMAN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Jacob Brodman of Tiffin, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Jacob's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming cadet Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Jacob brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of West Point cadets. While attending Calvert High School in Tiffin, Ohio, Jacob attained an impressive grade point average. Jacob was a member of the School's Spanish Club and Quiz Bowl team, and he earned academic letters throughout his high school career.

Outside the classroom, Jacob was a member of the football, wrestling, and track teams. Jacob utilized his leadership skills by participating in Calvert High School's National Honor Society and Student Council. I am confident that Jacob will carry the lessons of his student leadership to West Point.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jacob Brodman on his acceptance of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Jacob will excel during his career at West Point and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

#### HONORING LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Long Island Coalition for the Homeless.

Coalition for the Homeless has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. The continuous selfless efforts of those involved with the Coalition are admirable.

I am proud to honor the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless for their extraordinary work in the community.

# THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The summary follows:

I interviewed retired Captain John Michael Hayes, a former Air Force pilot during the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1972. Mr. Hayes is an exceptional veteran who was a vital contributor during our war efforts. He flew 166 successful combat missions and gained over 24,000 flying hours in the military and in commercial flight. In Vietnam he was given a rare opportunity to wear the mantle of senior-officer-hood while being a junior officer. He taught and trained many men in the delicate art of flight while being stationed near northern Vietnam and the brunt of the warfare. Not only was Mr. Hayes an outstanding military officer, he also is an incredible asset to our community. As Veterans Affairs/Military Liaison he deals with numerous cases daily spanning from post-war medal bestowment, to veterans/widows benefits, to youth involvement with our retired servicemen. Mr. Hayes also conducts veterans interviews to keep the stories of WWII veterans and others alive. Mr. Hayes further solidified my yearning to make a difference in America by joining the armed forces. His unique take on leadership and patriotism opened my eyes to new possibilities

in America. I may now rest assured that great men are on the front lines, whether it be in the military or in public service, who are truly working for the betterment of our community and the progress of America as a whole.—Adrianne Mikes

## HONORING LONG ISLAND LATINO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Long Island Latino Teachers Association.

LILTA has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. The continuous selfless efforts of those involved with LILTA are admirable.

I am proud to honor Long Island Latino Teachers Association for their extraordinary work in the community.

## CONGRATULATING THE LINCOLN UNIVERSITY TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate the men and women of the Lincoln University Track and Field team for their outstanding performance at this year’s NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships.

The women’s team finished the season by bringing home their second national title in as many years and the Blue Tigers’ tenth overall national championship. This accomplishment is even more impressive given the strong performance by the men’s Track and Field team. Led by junior Kimour Bruce, himself a national champion in the 60-meter dash, the men’s team finished in fourth place.

Madam Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations to the student-athletes of the Lincoln University Track and Field team for these remarkable achievements.

## COMMENDING HIS EXCELLENCY PHIANE PHILAKONE, AMBASSADOR OF THE LAO PEOPLE’S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the distinguished service of His Excellency Phiane Philakone, the Ambassador of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic (PDR) to the United States. Ambassador Philakone will soon be returning to Laos

and, for historical purposes, I want to publicly acknowledge the good work he has done on behalf of his country.

For more than three years, Ambassador Philakone has honorably carried out his responsibilities as Laos’ Ambassador to the United States. During his service, he has worked with the House Foreign Affairs’ Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, which I chair, to bring greater attention to the issue of Unexploded Ordnance in Laos.

Because of him, I was able to visit Laos on two occasions and gain a firsthand understanding of the catastrophic and lasting effects of U.S. Air Force bombing operations in Laos during the Vietnam War. To this very day, these deadly, unexploded ordnances continue to claim the lives of a people who are not and never were at war with us, and unless we rectify this now, the loss of life will go on and on, tomorrow, the next day, and every day thereafter. I thank Ambassador Philakone for his leadership on this issue.

Before Ambassador Philakone accepted his assignment to come to the U.S. in February 2007, he devoted six years as Ambassador of the Lao PDR to the Republic of the Philippines. From 1996–1999, he was the Deputy Governor of the Lao Central Bank. Prior to that position, he served as President of a joint venture commercial bank in the Lao PDR.

Ambassador Philakone has held other distinguished banking posts, including Managing Director of a state commercial bank and Director of Administration of the Lao Development Bank. Additionally, from 1976–1989, he was the Director of Research of the Bank of the Lao PDR.

In addition to his extensive practical experience, Ambassador Philakone has academic training in policy and diplomatic matters. He received a Bachelor’s Degree in Law and Administration from Institut Royal de Droit et d’Administration in Laos and an advanced degree from Institut International d’Administration Publique (IIAP) in France. He is fluent in English, French, and Thai.

Ambassador Philakone and his wife, Mrs. Somchit Philakone, have three children, and I extend to them my highest regards and best wishes.

## IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SEAN MURRAY ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. LATTI. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio’s Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Sean Murray of Defiance, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Sean’s offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation’s military academies is an invaluable experience that offers

a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Sean brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending Defiance High School in Defiance, Ohio, Sean attained a 4.0 grade point average that placed him first in his graduating class. Sean was inducted into the National Honor Society and also received the Scholar-Athlete Award, Academic Achievement Award, Eagles Excellence Award, Academic All-League, Academic All-Ohio, and was named to the Principal's List.

Throughout high school, Sean was a member of the football and track teams, serving as captain of the football team his senior year. Sean received his varsity letter in both sports and holds the school record for the 4x800 meter relay. Sean also served as National Honor Society vice president and Student Council vice president, in addition to being active in the D.A.R.E. middle school role model program. He also volunteers within the community for various organizations. I am confident that Sean will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sean Murray on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Sean will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

#### HONORING LONG ISLAND IMMIGRATION ALLIANCE FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

##### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The summary follows:

Charlie O'Reilly was inducted into the United States Army in Kansas City and completed Basic Army Training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Charlie received badges for hours shooting proficiency. After completing his training at Camp Chaffee, Charlie was ordered to report for duty at Andrews Air Force Base, Washington D.C. He was assigned to the 601st AAA Battalion. Their mission was the defense of the Washington, D.C. area. In addition to his normal duties, Charlie was required to serve periodically in the control center where he would plot the position of aircraft around the military District of Washington. Charlie entered the Army as a Buck Private (E1) and when transferred from active duty to the army reserves he held the rank of an E4 (SP3/CPL). He completed his active duty service and was transferred to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland where he was released from active duty and transferred to the United States Army Reserve where he served for an additional six years before receiving his Honorable Discharge. Through my interview I learned of my grandfather's times and memories as a "troop." I learned that there is always hope for better days; that believing in yourself is a quality you must develop and once pursued should truly be cherished. Hope, faith, endurance, and happiness are key necessities for not only doing well in the military but surviving our society today. My grandfather learned many great lessons in the Army and over-all experienced a life-changing experience that he will value forever.—Tara O'Reilly

#### HONORING BEN DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL'S GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

##### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and commend the Ben Davis High School Lady Giants for winning the 2010 Indiana State High School Athletic Association Girls Basketball Championship.

Ben Davis High School is a 3-year high school in the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township, located in the 7th Congressional District of Indiana.

Since 1892, the school has provided Indianapolis students with nationally recognized academic and athletic programs. The high school is known for its debate and journalism activities, and it continues to expand on the artistic programs offered to its students.

The Lady Giants are an example of the success and pride that young people can achieve through receiving a well-rounded education.

In the Championship game, the Lady Giants defeated the Merrillville High School Lady Pirates with a final score of 99 to 52. Not only was this the Lady Giants' second straight championship win, but the team also set a new state record for making it their 58th consecutive victory.

I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in praising these extraordinary young women for their hard work and perseverance, and I encourage them to continue to develop and serve as an example for all students across the United States.

#### TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI PRESIDENT AARON PODOLEFSKY

##### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Aaron Podolefsky as he prepares to end his tenure as president of the University of Central Missouri, UCM, in Warrensburg, MO. After 5 years of dedicated service to the University, Dr. Podolefsky will become the president of Buffalo State College in Buffalo, New York.

After a distinguished record of academic accomplishment as a scholar at San Jose State University in California and the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Dr. Podolefsky pursued a career as an educator and academic administrator, showing a commitment to public universities and the development of young minds across the country.

During his tenure as President of UCM, Dr. Podolefsky presided over a period of great change. With the adoption of a new name for the University, he brought together students, educators, community partners, and civic leaders to develop and implement a new vision for UCM. He expanded opportunities for students and enhanced economic development in the region by reorganizing the academic departments and developing partnerships with national and international institutions.

Under his leadership, the U.S. News and World Report and Princeton Review have recognized UCM as one of the best universities in the Midwest for the first time in university history. And, UCM provides this exceptional education at low cost, ranking first in the Midwest in low student debt. These accolades, combined with an ever increasing job placement rate for UCM graduates, are evidence of Dr. Podolefsky's sustained commitment to the University.

Madam Speaker, I wish Dr. Podolefsky the best of luck in his future career at Buffalo State College and thank him for his dedication to the University of Central Missouri. Together with his wife Ronnie and sons, Noah and Isaac, Dr. Podolefsky will be missed and his mark on UCM will be felt for years to come.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
TODD KLEMAN ON HIS OFFER OF  
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE  
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MA-  
RINE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Todd Kleman of Fort Jennings, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

Todd's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Todd brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending Fort Jennings High School in Fort Jennings, Ohio, Todd attained an impressive grade point average. Todd was inducted into the National Honor Society, active in the Scholastic Bowl, and a member of the Envirothon Team.

Throughout high school, Todd was a member of the soccer and track teams, earning varsity letters in both events. Todd was active in the community by being a 4-H member, Junior Leader, member of the Junior Fair Board, and a Boy Scout. Todd also participated in the marching and pep bands. I am confident that Todd will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Todd Kleman on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Todd will excel during his career at the Merchant Marine Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH AD-  
VISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF  
SERVICE

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

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The summary follows:

I interviewed Master Sergeant Darrell Crews who retired from the Army with over twenty years of service and became a high school Army JROTC instructor. Master Sergeant Darrell Crews served in Infantry, Armor, and combat support during his career in the Army. He served in conflicts such as Vietnam and Desert Storm, seeing combat in both. He was also deployed in several other countries in the Middle East and was even stationed at a base in Germany. After serving he used the G.I. Bill to receive payment for college to become further educated. With his prior knowledge and experience with the military he is able to influence students to strive for their best in what they believe and that education is an important gift that should be sought after by all students. My interview with Master Sergeant Darrell Crews showed me how military service affects someone and that the skills gained throughout his career can be used to help others in their lives. Also, just like ordinary people, NCO's and officers have to use teamwork in order to make things happen which is one thing that Master Sergeant Crews truly believes in.—Eric Parker.

HONORING NASSAU SUFFOLK LAW  
SERVICES FOR THEIR EXTRA-  
ORDINARY WORK IN THE COM-  
MUNITY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Nassau Suffolk Law Services.

Nassau Suffolk Law Services has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. The continuous selfless efforts of those involved with Nassau Suffolk Law Services are admirable.

I am proud to honor Nassau Suffolk Law Services for their extraordinary work in the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on April 26, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 221–223. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 221: "Yes"—Anthony J. Cortese Post Office Building.

Rollcall No. 222: "Yes"—Celebrating the life of Sam Houston on the 217th anniversary of his birth.

Rollcall No. 223: "Yes"—Steve Goodman Post Office Building.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall 221, 222, and 223. If present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 221, 222, and 223.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
RICHARD SNYDER ON HIS OFFER  
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND  
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY  
ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Richard Snyder of McClure, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

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Richard brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending Napoleon High School in Napoleon, Ohio, Richard attained a 4.0 grade point average that placed him first in his graduating class. Richard was inducted into the National Honor Society and attained the A.P. Scholar Award.

Throughout high school, Richard was a member of the cross country and track teams and active in intramural basketball and volleyball. Richard received the Greater Buckeye Conference's All Academic Award. Richard served as senior class president at Napoleon High School and has been an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon, Ohio. He was selected to attend Buckeye Boys State, was a Student Council representative and a member of Peers Achieving Win-Win Situations, P.A.W.S. I am confident that Richard will carry the lessons of his student leadership to West Point.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Richard Snyder on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Richard will excel during his career at West Point and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

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OF TEXAS

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The summary follows:

I interviewed John Sadler. Mr. Sadler served in the Navy branch of the armed forces for five years. Mr. Sadler served on submarines for four years of his service and is now a very successful medical physicist. He has lived a very fulfilling and respectable life and is a great role model. Through interviewing Mr. Sadler I have really come to realize the honor that should be given to veterans in our society. They risk their lives for us, fighting to preserve our freedoms, but we so often neglect to even thank them or consider this. There are many people that we know have served in the armed forces and we aren't even aware of this. This is sad as these people should be respected and honored in today's society. These veterans should be given a special place in the society that they have risked their lives to protect, leaving behind loved ones and everything they once knew to preserve this great nation. Without the service of these veterans America would not be the free land that it is today. We should remember each day what these veterans have done for us and thank them for it. These veterans' stories should be preserved as they are a huge part of American history and how this country got to where it is today. I think that this interview has given me a new perspective on veterans and their service.—Troy Pickens

#### HONORING VICTIMS INFORMATION BUREAU OF SUFFOLK FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk.

VIBS has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. VIBS' constant selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk for their extraordinary work in the community.

#### HONORING THE FIRST LADY OF ALBANIA, DR. LIRI BERISHA

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Lady of the Republic of Albania, Dr. Liri Berisha, and to welcome her once again to the United States.

Dr. Liri Berisha, a devoted mother and a diligent pediatrician, became the very first First Lady in the history of democratic Albania in 1992 when her husband, Sali Berisha, was elected President of the Republic. Throughout her husband's 5 years in office and since his election in 2005 as Prime Minister, Dr. Berisha has been distinguished for her involvement in public life and commitment to people in need.

Among her many endeavors, I strongly commend the First Lady for her dedication to the women and children of Albania. Dr. Berisha is Honorary President of the UNICEF office in Albania. She actively promotes efforts to expand education and healthcare to marginalized women and children and is an outspoken voice against human trafficking. In 2009, the Women's Information Network named Dr. Berisha "Woman of the Year" for "her commitment to make the world a better place for women and all citizens".

In 2008, Dr. Berisha founded the Mother Teresa Cultural Foundation which commemorates its namesake as a symbol of hope and human dignity. This week, the First Lady joins us on Capitol Hill to honor the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mother Teresa with a reception and special exhibition. As the Chair of the Congressional Albanian Issues Caucus, I look forward to participating in this celebration and again welcoming the distinguished First Lady of Albania to the United States.

#### MEDIA SHOW BIAS ON ARIZONA IMMIGRATION LAW

### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the national media have given mostly negative coverage to Arizona's new immigration enforcement law, which Arizonans support overwhelmingly.

A CBS report gave the perspective of opponents of the law, one of whom called it "mean-spirited" and compared it to Nazi repression. The report featured video of signs that read, "Veto Racism" and "Stop the Hate."

NBC asked an Arizona sheriff, "Are you worried that it affects the image of your state?" and questioned whether the new policy will "distract law enforcement" and "take valuable resources away from cracking down on more serious crimes."

An MSNBC headline curiously read, "Law Makes it a Crime to be Illegal Immigrant."

The national media should tell Americans the truth: Arizona's new law mirrors what is already federal law. Then Americans can decide for themselves what to think.



MISTAKEN ADDITION AS  
COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2499

### HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, my name was mistakenly added as a cosponsor of H.R. 2499. Let the RECORD reflect that I would remove my name as a cosponsor of this bill if I were able.

### IN HONOR OF THE ANNUAL JAMES MONROE DAY PROGRAM IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I am privileged to rise today to honor the James Monroe Memorial Foundation and the annual James Monroe Day Program.

I am pleased to recognize and honor the birth and life of our Nation's fifth president, and First District of Virginia native, James Monroe. I appreciate the invitation to share this special occasion with you.

First, I want to recognize the important accomplishments of the James Monroe Foundation. Since 1928, the James Monroe Foundation has worked tirelessly to preserve the former President's great legacy. Your efforts have kept his memory alive and have allowed generations of people to learn about his many significant contributions to our Nation. I would like to thank the foundation for your hard work and for organizing this magnificent celebration.

James Monroe came to the Presidency as one of the most qualified men to ever assume the office. He was the last American President of the "Virginia Dynasty," and one who left such a lasting impression on American history that we gather today to recognize his life and celebrate his birth.

As you know, President Monroe, one of five children to Spence Monroe and Elizabeth Jones, was born here in Westmoreland County on April 28, 1758. Monroe was raised and educated in what is now the First Congressional District of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He worked on the family farm until entering the College of William and Mary at the age of 16. Within a year, the American Revolution began and Monroe soon left college to enlist in the Continental Army. He was one of the men who crossed the Delaware with George Washington.

As a politician, Monroe served in the Virginia Assembly, the Continental Congress, as Governor to the Commonwealth of Virginia, as a U.S. Senator, Secretary of State and Secretary of War to President James Madison. Ultimately, James Monroe became our fifth President of the United States.

His presidency represented a key point in our history. National identity and patriotism were growing and the country's democratic institutions and capitalist economy were taking form.

During Monroe's early years in the White House his administration was known as the "Era of Good Feelings", a time period in

American political history in which partisan bitterness abated. President Monroe went on two long national tours in order to gain the trust and faith of the American people. Monroe expanded the country's borders by purchasing Florida from Spain. Yet, Monroe may be best remembered for his belief that the Americas should be free from future European colonization and interference in sovereign countries' affairs. His strong opinions and principles on foreign policy came to be known as the Monroe Doctrine.

James Monroe was a loyal public servant and an exceptional statesman. He proved to be a visionary leader who helped form our Nation in its infant stages, and later helped to reconcile a deeply divided country in the aftermath of the War of 1812.

President Monroe cherished the very principle of democracy, and championed the cause of a republic empowered not by privilege or birthright, but by the people. He once stated, "In this great Nation there is but one order, that of the people, whose power, by a peculiarly happy improvement of the representative principle, is transferred from them, without impairing in the slightest degree their sovereignty, to bodies of their own creation, and to persons elected by themselves, in the full extent necessary for the purposes of free, enlightened, and efficient government". This eloquent statement contained a very simple message that continues to ring true today.

I recently introduced the James Monroe Commemorative Coin Act (H.R. 4329) to honor James Monroe and the contributions he made to the Commonwealth and our Nation. This legislation would authorize the U.S. Treasury to mint coins to commemorate the bicentennial of the election of President James Monroe.

In addition, the funds collected from the coin will go to the James Monroe Memorial Foundation to reconstruct the birthplace of President Monroe including farm buildings and a visitor and education center in Westmoreland County. Additional proceeds will then be used to support continuing education programs about President Monroe, the Monroe Doctrine, an online library, and collection and preservation of artifacts and historical items related to James Monroe's childhood and presidency.

James Monroe was an outstanding citizen, soldier, and statesman who dedicated his life to our country. He was a good man who inspired a nation at a moment in time that begged for leadership. Jefferson said of his fellow Virginian, "A better man cannot be."

The citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia and especially America's First District express their gratitude to James Monroe, in commemoration of the 252nd anniversary of his birthday.

### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,880,364,008,405.96

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,241,938,262,112.10 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

### HONORING CHARLES "KENNY" HILL

### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles "Kenny" Hill, one of the hard working employees of the House Wellness Center. Kenny is retiring from duty as a Members' Wellness Center Attendant after 41 years of service to the Architect of the Capitol. He and his wife Carole look forward to enjoying his retirement with their children Lisa, Kenny, and Tony and their grandchildren Christopher, Charlie, Pamela, Tiffany, Elizabeth, Wayne, and Kyle. The Members of the 111th Congress would like to thank you Kenny for all your years of hard work and dedication. You will be missed.

### HONORING URBAN LEAGUE OF LONG ISLAND FOR THEIR EX- TRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Urban League of Long Island.

Urban League has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. The continuous selfless efforts of those involved with the Urban League of Long Island are admirable.

I am proud to honor Urban League of Long Island for their extraordinary work in the community.

### IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF AN- DERSON SHOWMAN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT- TEND THE UNITED STATES MILI- TARY ACADEMY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. LATTI. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Anderson Showman of Willard, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Anderson's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy

this fall with the incoming cadet Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Anderson brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending Willard High School in Willard, Ohio, Anderson attained a grade point average that placed him in the top ten percent of his graduating class. Anderson was inducted into the National Honor Society, active in Student Council, and was a class officer.

Throughout high school, Anderson was a member of the football, basketball, and baseball teams. He earned varsity letters in those sports and was also an instructor with the Midwest Baseball Camp. Anderson served the community of Willard by assisting with the community's hospital events, the Salvation Army, and the local food bank. I am confident that Anderson will carry the lessons of his student leadership to West Point.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Anderson Showman on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Anderson will excel during his career at West Point and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

#### FITNESS INTEGRATED WITH TEACHING KIDS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the bipartisan Fitness Integrated with Teaching (FIT) Kids Act, H.R. 1585, legislation I authored with my colleague, Representative ZACH WAMP. Throughout my time in Congress, I have taken a special interest in ensuring our nation's youth live healthy, active lives. The FIT Kids Act focuses on getting physical education back into schools and has the support of over 50 organizations in addition to bipartisan support in the House.

With one in three children in this country being classified as overweight or obese it is clear that childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportions. Our kids are living increasingly sedentary lives, not enjoying the wonders of the outdoors or being active. As opposed to going outside, they stay indoors, sit in front of the television and play video games. In Wisconsin alone, 25 percent of children watch three or more hours of television a day and 20 percent play video games or use a computer for means other than school work three or more hours per day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that children participate in 60 minutes of physical activity daily. Since kids spend a majority of their time at school, it is clear that schools must be involved as we work to get kids moving.

This is especially true when it is considered that for children ages 9–13, an age that kids

should be at their most active, 61.5 percent don't receive any physical activity outside of school hours. Even more disturbing, only 3.8 percent of elementary schools, 7.9 percent of middle schools, and 2.1 percent of high schools provide daily physical education and 22 percent do not require students to take any physical education. The rise in childhood obesity correlates with the removal of physical education from schools over the past two decades and a decline in routine physical activity.

Of all the deaths from major chronic diseases, 23 percent are linked to sedentary lifestyles that today begin in early childhood. This is backwards; we need to ensure that our nation's youth learn the merits of living active lifestyles starting at an early age, not how to live inactive lives. It is true that you can't have a healthy mind without a healthy body. Study after study have shown that active children perform better on tests and are more focused and driven during the school day. With the advance in technology and the changing society we live in, it may be true that today's kids will never be as active as they were in the past. However, we can provide them with quality physical education that will teach them the immense benefits to living an active life beginning at an early age.

The FIT Kids Act will get kids moving during the day again and help them learn how to live healthy, active lifestyles. The bill will provide information to parents and communities on the amount of physical education being offered in schools measured against the most recent national recommendations. Also, it will require that school districts provide parents with information on healthy living because schools can only solve so much of this problem. This information increases awareness of entire families and communities about opportunities for physical activity and how best to live healthy lives. Providing parents and caregivers with this information is imperative to ensure that they are making healthy choices at home.

In addition to providing information to parents and communities, the bill enacts a National Research Council Study on the types of physical education offered in schools and various and innovative means that schools successfully employ physical education in order to get students active. Additionally, there will finally be a comprehensive study regarding the relationship between cognitive development, academic achievement and physical education and fitness. The cost of the study will be minimal and the benefits substantial. While some studies have indicated that physical activity and education lead to better academic achievement, including a study most recently conducted by the CDC, the study in this bill would provide definitive evidence of the importance of movement and exercise to cognitive development and future productivity.

Lastly, this bill will make available to state education agencies and local education agencies best practices on innovative physical education and physical activity policies and programs at the state and local level while identifying common challenges in implementing physical education and barriers for meeting the DC recommendations for physical education.

I am so proud that the FIT Kids Act made it to the floor today. With all of the great things the First Lady has been doing to stop childhood obesity and all of the historical private and public partnerships that are currently

being formed throughout the country, the timing is perfect for us to address the lack of physical education being provided in schools. I want to give a special thanks to my colleague, ZACH WAMP, for all of his tireless work supporting this bill. I would also like to thank Chairman MILLER for his devotion to the concepts and goals of the FIT Kids Act. The American Heart Association, the National Association for Sports and Physical Education, the American Diabetes Association, and the National Football League with their Play 60 campaign, all support the FIT Kids Act and advocated for its passage.

And, last but certainly not least, I want to thank Richard Simmons. For nearly four decades, Richard has helped millions of Americans lose weight, tirelessly working with overweight adults, teaching them to adopt a lifestyle of balance, moderate eating and exercise. Most recently, he has changed his focus from adults to children, traveling to over 200 schools last year. A leading advocate for the FIT Kids Act, Richard has praised the bill at schools, on television, and at speaking events around the country. His successful grassroots campaign in favor of the bill flooded congressional offices with letters urging support of the bill. As we pass the FIT Kids Act today, it serves as a testament to Richard's tenacious advocacy to make our children healthy again.

The benefits of getting physical activity back into schools are so great that it is something we need to come together and commit to. Routine physical education is a proven way to lower children's body mass index, increase students' attention and attentiveness during the day, and improve kids' academic scores. Let's pass this bill to ensure that we don't continue spending \$147 billion annually on obesity related medical expenses or have more of our population suffer from chronic diseases, harming their quality of life and economic output. We need to commit to providing children with the foundations and knowledge to make healthy choices and live active lives; the FIT Kids Act puts us on the path toward doing this.

#### TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN RANDY JACKSON, USN

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that my friend CAPT Randy Jackson will retire from the United States Navy on June 4, 2010, after three decades of service to our nation. Let me take this means to congratulate Captain Jackson on his well-earned retirement and to thank him for his lifetime of service to the United States and for his many years of friendship.

Born in my hometown of Lexington, Missouri, Captain Jackson received his appointment to the United States Naval Academy and graduated in 1980 with a degree in Systems Engineering. After distinguishing himself in the classroom, Captain Jackson moved across the country to serve aboard the USS *Elliot*, based in San Diego, California.

Over the next 30 years, Captain Jackson showed remarkable adaptability and flexibility as he moved from post to post and job to job

in the United States and around the world. As a Surface Warfare Officer, a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer and a Joint Qualified Officer, Captain Jackson dedicated his life to ensuring the men and women of the United States Navy had well-functioning and state-of-the-art systems, accommodations, and equipment.

His superior service did not go unnoticed. Over the years, Captain Jackson has received numerous unit and service awards, among them the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Married to the former Sonja Huff of Camdenton, MO, Captain and Mrs. Jackson are the proud parents of three young adults: Ryan, Kirsten, and Evan.

Madam Speaker, throughout his life, Captain Jackson has shown uncommon commitment to service and dedication to country. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in wishing him well as he prepares to close a chapter in his life and begins to write another.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHEN YUN  
PERFORMING ARTS

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the cultural impact of Shen Yun Performing Arts, a dance and music company that promotes traditional Chinese heritage throughout the United States and the world. The group will be coming to New Jersey in coordination with the New Jersey Falun Dafa Association, and I would like to thank them for sharing their art with my home state.

Shen Yun's performances are marked by their beauty and grace and the dancers' ornate costumes. Each dancer adheres to a strict training regimen that requires a thorough knowledge of Chinese dance and customs. The production showcases 5,000 years of Chinese history while bringing the audience a thrilling experience. Their show combines the energy of dance and music with the wisdom of famous Chinese legends in a manner that both educates and entertains its spectators.

Shen Yun Performing Arts has made incredible strides in its short existence. In 2009 alone, they performed in front of over 800,000 people, four times more than in their first year, in almost 100 cities worldwide. They have been featured in such esteemed venues as Radio City Music Hall in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and Le Palais de Congress in Paris, France.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank Shen Yun Performing Arts for their contribution to the advancement of the arts and their tireless promotion of Chinese culture. Their efforts have breathed new life into Chinese traditions and provided thousands with an indepth look into their heritage.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH AD-  
VISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF  
SERVICE

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

The person I interviewed was Mr. Vance Miller, a past Captain of the United States Air Force. This person accomplished everything. Once he got back from service, he became a better person and a better leader. Mr. Miller gets respect and the care he needs for what he does every day as a businessman for his company. Once I walked into his office, everyone gave him respect and spoke to him with such care that could not be described. What I gained from this interview is to look at life as more than what you see right at first sight. When I spoke with Mr. Miller, he really made me think of what it is like to give your life up for your country and for the people you serve. Once I was finished he made me think about life a lot more. Life is more than just what is inside the box, it is about what you make of it and how much you put into it. Finally, I admire Mr. Miller tremendously for what he has done for this

great nation and the people in it.—Elliott Polanchyck

RECOGNIZING SHANA GUZMAN  
PANGELINAN FOR THE U.S.  
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRA-  
TION'S JEFFREY BUTLAND FAM-  
ILY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE  
YEAR FOR 2010

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Shana Guzman Pangelinan for her entrepreneurial spirit in growing her family-owned business on Guam and her dedication to our community. Ms. Pangelinan is the President of International Distributors, Inc. (IDI) and has been named the U.S. Small Business Administration's Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year for 2010.

A native daughter of Guam, Shana is the second oldest of five children of Frank C. and Annie P. Guzman. Shana graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam High School and attended the University of San Francisco in California as a Business Management major. She returned home to Guam in 1993 and worked with her father, Frank, who established IDI, and learned from him the best practices which allowed Shana to take over management when he passed away in 2000. Under Shana's direction and leadership, IDI continues to thrive.

With the same passion and conviction Shana demonstrates for her business, she dedicates her time and talents to her three children and their school activities. She has served as the Finance Committee Co-Chair for Mercy Heights Nursery School and contributes to the community as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Department of Chamorro Affairs and through organizations such as Hurao, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to perpetuate the Chamorro language and culture. To assist & promote Hurao, Shana has developed her own Chamorro immersion program. With her leadership, IDI continues to support our community by donating produce to various charitable organizations, including Catholic Social Services, Guma' San Jose, Alee Shelter, Department of Youth Affairs, and the Tamuning Senior Citizens Center. Shana also continues her father's legacy by ensuring IDI remains an active member & supporter of the Micronesian Chefs' Association, an organization of which her late father was a founding member, supporting the education and talents of young local chefs.

It is on the occasion of her recognition by the U.S. Small Business Administration as their Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year for 2010, that I join the people of Guam in acknowledging her service and outstanding leadership in our business community.

RECOGNIZING MR. JACK CHAN AS THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S MINORITY CHAMPION OF THE YEAR FOR 2010

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jack Chan for his leadership and advocacy in support of minority small business owners. Mr. Chan is the Vice President of Kwong Hwa Trading Co. and is the U.S. Small Business Administration's "Minority Champion of the Year" for 2010.

Jack was born in Hong Kong in 1972 to Ping Chan and King Ng. He attended elementary school in Hong Kong before relocating with his parents and five siblings to Guam in 1985. He attended John F. Kennedy High School and completed a one year Tourism Vocational Program at Guam Community College during his final year of high school. Jack continued his educational pursuits at the University of Guam, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in Marketing in 1997 while helping to maintain his family's business and working at a local tour agency.

Jack serves as Vice President of Kwong Hwa Trading, and under his leadership, the company continues to work closely with other businesses, suppliers and local government agencies and non-profit organizations to support the local community.

Jack's hard work, dedication and industrious nature have earned him the respect of business leaders in our community and in the western Pacific region. His efforts on the Board of Directors of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam (CCCG) have made a difference in the participation of other minority business owners and associates as CCCG members. A CCCG Member since the organization's inception, Jack is actively involved in its annual events and activities. Jack's participation in CCCG has helped to raise support and awareness for local organizations such as the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Club of Guam and the American Red Cross Guam Chapter.

It is on the occasion of his recognition by the U.S. Small Business Administration as Minority Champion of the Year for 2010, that I join the people of Guam to acknowledge his service and outstanding leadership in our community.

RECOGNIZING MR. ARTHUR F. MESA AS VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR FOR 2010

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Arthur F. Mesa for his years of civic engagement, leadership and advocacy for Guam's veterans. Mr. Mesa, known to his family and friends as "Art," is Editor and Publisher of the Guam Veterans News, host of K-57's radio show, "Vet Talk," and was re-

cently named the U.S. Small Business Administration's "Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year for 2010."

Art served in the Vietnam War from 1970 to 1971 as a member of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. He is a 35-year resident of Guam. Following his service in the U.S. Army, Art worked in sales and in 1985, founded Independent Trading Company trading food products, appliances, and construction materials from the mainland to Guam and Micronesia. From 1989 to 1996, Art opened and operated Eagle Freight Services—which provided air freight services through five offices from Guam to the Midwest United States. From 1999 to 2006, Art co-founded and managed Auto Services 2000.

Art has become a prominent figure in our community and serves as a Board Member for the Pacific Island Microcredit Institute, an organization that provides microloans to veterans and individuals at poverty level seeking self sufficiency and business opportunities. A strong and dynamic advocate for Guam's veterans' community, Art volunteers his time to educate veterans on a variety of issues including programs, benefits, health care, legal rights and national representation.

Art's involvement in the veteran community has been recognized by various organizations. Art served as the Master of Ceremonies for Guam's Annual Veterans Day Memorial Program in 2009 and was a recipient of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay's "Service Above Self Award" for his commitment to our island's veterans. An avid motorcycle rider, Art is a member of the Guam Veterans Harley Davidson Organization, which provides motorcade escorts for funerals of fallen soldiers and conducts other philanthropic activities such as distributing holiday treats to children on Guam during their annual Christmas motorcades.

It is on the occasion of his recognition by the U.S. Small Business Administration as their Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year for 2010, that I join the people of Guam to acknowledge him for his service and his commitment to our veteran community.

CONGRATULATING THE ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL CONSTITUTION TEAM

**HON. DAVID DREIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Arcadia High School, AHS, Constitution Team on their first place finish in the 23rd annual "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution," contest which was held in Washington, DC this past weekend and concluded Monday evening.

The AHS team represented the entire state of California in the competition, which tests students' knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and American democracy. After spending time with this outstanding group of students last week, I was confident they would take their knowledge of and dedication to learning about the Constitution and turn it into a great win for Arcadia and California.

After winning local and state competitions, these students proved themselves champions at the final competition here in our nation's

capital. The City of Arcadia and the entire San Gabriel Valley should be very proud of these outstanding students.

On Monday, after three days of simulated congressional hearings testing the students' knowledge of constitutional principles, which were judged by a panel of constitutional scholars, lawyers, journalists and government leaders, the AHS team was announced the winners of this year's competition.

I believe very firmly in the tremendous importance of understanding our history and the principles on which our nation was founded. These students should be commended for their mastery of our founding documents and the words of our founding fathers, and I enthusiastically congratulate them on their success.

The AHS Constitution Team's victory is a testament not just to the hard work and dedication of these students, but also the guidance and commitment of their teacher Kevin Fox and coaches Gary Kovacic, Jim Romo, Bob Garrett and Karyn McCreary.

The members of the AHS Constitution Team are: Robel Abdella, Wini Addanki, Pallavi Bugga, Madyson Cassidy, Andrew Chang, Winston Chang, Greg Chen, Ruodi Duan, Daphne Fan, Kathy Garcia, Jamie Griswold, Derek Ha, Jennifer Hang, Lauren Hanna, Frank Huang, Rayla Hylbom, Michael Kallin, Amanda Kallis, Jesse Li, Andrew Lin, Sangavi Pari, Tim Semenov, Joanna Shen, Kiko Sunata, Bonnie Tam, Andrew Taylor, Catherine Tong and Shen Wang.

RECOGNIZING MS. LINDA TUNG AS THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S WOMEN IN BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR FOR 2010

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Linda Tung for her entrepreneurial leadership and mentorship in the women's business community on Guam. Ms. Tung is the President and Founder of GIT International Tours and was recently named the U.S. Small Business Administration's Women in Business Champion of the Year for 2010.

Linda was born and raised in Taiwan and is fluent in English, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese and Taiwanese. Following her graduation from high school in 1966, she began working for a number of leading in-bound travel agencies in Taipei.

Linda married Dr. Frank C. Tung in 1976 and after traveling throughout the United States for educational opportunities, the couple settled on Guam in 1985. Since that time, Linda served as Guam Operations Manager of Japan Travel Land and established GIT International Tours, Inc. Since its inception, GIT Tours has successfully provided various services to more than 320,000 visitors from Taiwan (R.O.C.), Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Honcho, Liaoning and the Philippines.

Linda's thirty years of experience have proved invaluable as Chairwoman of the Tourism Committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam. She works in partnership with members of the Guam Visitors Bureau,

the Office of the Governor of Guam, Government of Guam agencies, Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association, Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam and United Chinese Association of Guam, as well as numerous agencies in the Asia-Pacific region to promote Guam as a premier, family-oriented tourist destination in the Western Pacific.

Linda often volunteers to help aspiring entrepreneurs on Guam. In addition, Linda has created opportunities for her female employees to engage in in-house cross-training to develop their leadership skills and expertise in all facets of the tour business. A number of her former female employees have continued to pursue their education and other career opportunities and are now recognized as leaders in their respective communities. As a mentor for women in the business community, Linda is a sounding board and colleague for many women seeking to emulate her success.

It is on the occasion of her recognition by the U.S. Small Business Administration as their Women in Business Champion of the Year for 2010, that I join the people of Guam to acknowledge her service and outstanding leadership in our business community.

RECOGNIZING MR. FONG S. WU AS  
THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S PERSON OF THE  
YEAR FOR 2010

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Fong S. Wu for his years of community involvement and service on Guam. Mr. Wu is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sunny Plastic (Guam) Inc. and Pacific Sunny Group of Companies. He was recently named the U.S. Small Business Administration's "Person of the Year" for 2010.

Fong is currently the Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of LTA, LLC., and is responsible for corporate planning and the operation of Ladera Towers, a luxury hotel/condominium. He is also Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of PacSun Investments, responsible for all strategic initiatives of its real estate investment projects. In addition, Fong is Managing Partner of Pago Bay Resort, LLC.

Raised on the island of Guam, Fong is a valuable member of our community and is an officer and founding member of Guam's Chinese Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as the Chairman for the Guam Chinese School Foundation, President of the Chinese School Board of Guam and President and member of the Board of the United Chinese Association of Guam. Fong has held public office as Secretary and member of the Board of Directors for the Guam Economic Development Authority, as well as the Overseas Compatriot Affairs Commissioner of the Republic of China. He was appointed by Governor Felix Camacho of Guam as an Ambassador of Goodwill to foster better economic ties between Guam and Taiwan.

Fong strives for excellence in business and in all aspects of life. He has taken a leadership role in fundraising, contributing time and energy towards various non-profit and community organizations. His service spans a wide range of organizations including the American Red Cross, Make a Wish Foundation, Fo Guan Shan Temple, University of Guam Endowment Foundation, University of Guam Board of Regents, Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteer Association, Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association, Guam Visitors Bureau, Filipino Community of Guam, Korean Ladies' Association of Guam, Rotary of Guam Sunrise, International Women's Club of Guam, and the Guam Society of America among others.

It is on the occasion of his recognition by the U.S. Small Business Administration as Person of the Year for 2010, that I join the people of Guam to acknowledge him for his commendable service and leadership in our community.

RECOGNIZING MR. KEVEN  
CAMACHO AS THE U.S. SMALL  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S FINANCIAL SERVICES CHAMPION  
OF THE YEAR FOR 2010

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Keven Camacho for his community engagement, support, and assistance for small business owners on Guam. As

the Vice President/Northern Regional Manager for the Bank of Guam, Mr. Camacho was recently named the Guam Small Business Administration's Financial Services Champion of the Year for 2010.

Keven earned his degree in Finance from Arizona State University in 1996 and soon began his career as a Management Trainee with the Bank of Guam. In 1997, Keven was promoted to Credits Officer, specializing in consumer loans and real estate. Continuing his advancement with the Bank of Guam, he was promoted as Branch Manager of their Tumon, Belau and Mangilao Branches. He later graduated in 2003 from the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington, completing an intensive two-year Masters-level extension program for senior officers in the banking industry. Additionally, Keven received his Masters in Business Administration from the University of Guam in 2006.

In his current role, Keven assists small businesses in our community in identifying opportunities for growth. Over his 13-year career with the Bank of Guam, Keven's hard work and dedication have helped to advance the interests of small businesses on Guam.

Keven uses his education and years of experience to serve our community by providing assistance with the grant funded Guam Options for Alternative Loans for Assistive Technology (GOAL-AT) and Get Guam Teleworking (GGT) programs. These programs provide loans to individuals with disabilities to assist them with starting home-based businesses. Keven not only provides technical assistance to these organizations but assists in outreach and presentations to various disability and senior citizen events, educating them about these programs, resources and the loan process. Keven also serves on the board of the Felix M. Camacho and Carlos G. Camacho Scholarship, a non-profit organization that offers up to four \$1,000 scholarships annually to qualified participants. Keven's business background, professional advocacy, and his outstanding spirit of community, are, and will continue to be, valuable assets to our island community.

It is on the occasion of his recognition by the U.S. Small Business Administration as Financial Services Champion of the Year for 2010, that I join the people of Guam in acknowledging his service and outstanding leadership in our community.